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***VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL***

Dear Gentlemen,

As you know, fire and smoke from the "Cave Creek Complex" fire recently caused a WAPA 345kV power line to trip, which in turn forced the shut down of Glenn Canyon Dam turbines and sporadic power outages in Page, AZ.

This incident, and the wildfires that continue to rage in central Arizona, raise several questions about how the utilities are protecting their high voltage power lines from fire and how the utilities are communicating with those entities that might be affected by disruptions of those lines.

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First, please tell me what your utility is doing to clear the areas around high voltage lines, particularly in areas that appear to be prone to fires or are in the path of ongoing fires. Are other measures being taken to shield the lines from the effects of the fires?

Second, please tell the Commission what communication protocols you have in place for informing other entities and utilities that take power from your lines when a fire is threatening a shut-down of the lines. In the case of the Western Area Power Authority, please tell the Commission whether you informed APS, which takes power from the WAPA line, and the operators of the Glenn Canyon Dam, that a shut-down of the WAPA line could occur as a result of the "Cave Creek Complex" fire. Were officials in the city of Page warned of the impending power outages?

This morning, Commission staff was informed that the APS Navajo to West Wing 500kV line may be shut down for a period of time due to back-burning in the area. What effect does this disruption have on the power supply into the Valley?

Finally, today in the Valley, temperatures are forecast to once again hit 112 degrees, conditions that no doubt will tax our electric grid. Are there any power lines now threatened by the fires in Arizona? If so, how will that affect the reliability of the states' electrical system?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kris Mayes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kris Mayes

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